



# MASSACHUSETTS MIGRATORY BIRD DATES & LIMITS 2003-04 Season

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SEASON		DATES		BAG	POSSESSION
<b>Sora Rail</b>		Sep. 1 – Nov. 8		5	5
<b>Virginia Rail</b>		Sep. 1 – Nov. 8		10	10
<b>Snipe</b>		Sep. 1 – Dec. 15		8	16
<b>Woodcock</b>		Oct. 16 – Oct. 25		3	6
		Oct. 27 – Nov. 15		3	6
		Duck Dates	Pintail/Canvasback		
<b>Ducks (A)</b>	Berkshire	Oct. 14 – Dec. 22	Oct. 14 – Nov. 17	6* 6*	12* 12*
	Central	Oct. 15 – Nov. 29 Dec. 19 – Jan. 10	Oct. 15 – Nov. 18	6* 6*	12* 12*
	Coastal	Oct. 15 – Oct. 25 Nov. 21 – Jan. 17	Oct. 15 – Oct. 25 Nov. 21 – Dec. 13	6* 6*	12* 12*
<b>American Coot</b>		Same as Ducks		15	30
<b>Mergansers (B)</b>		Same as Ducks		5*	10*
<b>Regular Canada Goose</b>	Berkshire	Oct. 25 – Dec. 16		2 2	4 4
	Central	Oct. 15 – Nov. 29 Dec. 19 – Jan. 10		2 2	4 4
	Coastal	Oct. 15 – Oct. 25 Nov. 21 – Jan. 17		2 2	4 4
<b>Early Canada Goose</b>	Statewide	Sep. 2 – Sep. 25		5	10
<b>Late Canada Goose</b>	Central	Jan. 19 – Feb. 14		5	10
	North Coastal (C)	Jan. 19 – Feb. 14		5	10
<b>Late Snow/Blue Goose</b>	Central / Coastal	Same as Canada Geese		15	30
<b>Snow and Blue Goose</b>		Same as Ducks		15	30
<b>Sea Ducks (D)</b> (Scooter, Eider, Long-tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw])		Oct. 6 – Jan. 20		7**	14**
<b>Brant</b>		Nov. 10 – Jan. 17		3	6
<b>Falconry</b> (Ducks and Coot only)		Oct. 6 – Jan. 20		3	6
<b>Youth Waterfowl Hunt</b>		Oct. 11 & Oct. 13		<i>Special Provisions Apply</i>	

\* Singly or in the aggregate

\*\* Singly or in the aggregate no more than 4 scoter, 4 eider (1 hen), 4 long-tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw] in the daily bag. Possession=double bag limit.

## A. The daily bag may contain no more than:

<b>Mallard</b> (only 2 female)	4		<b>Harlequin</b>	NONE		<b>Black Duck</b>	1
<b>Canvasback</b>	1		<b>Wood Duck</b>	2		<b>Hooded Merganser</b>	1
<b>Pintail</b>	1		<b>Mottled</b>	1		<b>Scaup</b>	3
<b>Fulvous Whistling</b>	1		<b>Redhead</b>	2		<b>All other duck species</b>	4

Possession limits are double the daily bag. (e.g. Mallards --- possession 8 of which only 4 may be female).

## B. Daily bag of mergansers may not include more than 1 hooded merganser; no more than 2 hooded in possession.

## C. North Coastal Zone For Late Canada Goose Season: That portion of Coastal Zone north of Cape Cod canal to New Hampshire line.

## D. Scoter, eider and long tailed duck [a.k.a. oldsquaw] during the open period other than open season for other ducks may be hunted **only** in coastal waters and rivers and streams seaward of the first upstream bridge.

## Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

## Non-toxic shot required for all hunting of waterfowl and American coot statewide.

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